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Reply To Final Rejection In A
Request For Continued Examination

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed February 12, 2003, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the rejection be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.